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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/19/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5,7/51	REPORT MADE BY ROWEN B. AYERS ded
TITLE CHARLES RAYMOND SAMPLE			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SAMPLE, while an inmate of the Missouri State Reformatory alleged to have been "Un-American" and to have believed in Communist form of government. Officials contacted state this is not so.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-C-</p> <p>DETAILS: This case was called to the attention of the Kansas City office by T-1, CHARLES R. SAMPLE, while an inmate of the Missouri State Intermediate Reformatory for Young Men (Algoa Farms), Jefferson City, Missouri was a "trouble-maker" and wrote unauthorized articles which were not made public, but was known to be "radical in his ideas". He was said to be definitely "Un-American" and said to be a believer in the Communist form of government. He was also alleged to have been investigated for assault at Columbia, Missouri, where he had been a student of the University of Missouri.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Jefferson City, Missouri</p> <p>Mr. JERRY WALTHER, Secretary, Missouri State Intermediate Reformatory, advised that CHARLES R. SAMPLE was received at the institution on December 29, 1947 to serve three years for Grand Larceny. He was transferred to the penitentiary on October 26, 1948 when he wrote unauthorized articles which he sent to a St. Louis, Missouri newspaper. Mr. WALTHER said the contents of the article were never made public and the article was said to have been destroyed. He said he had personal knowledge of the fact that the article related to immoral conduct by personnel of the reformatory, both inmate and official. He said some of the allegations were proven.</p>			
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ - Bureau 3 - Kansas City 60 JUN 1 1951		<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">380385</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 25 1951</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SE-33</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECORDED - 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EX - 1</p>	

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He said SAMPLE worked as a clerk in the office and had the highest intelligence quotient of any inmate received. He said that SAMPLE kept the other inmates "stirred up" with agitation and was considered a trouble maker, but there was nothing to indicate that his conduct was against the United States. Mr. WALTHER said that SAMPLE was an atheist, but seemed to be a loyal American. He said he never heard that SAMPLE was a communist or believed in that form of government. He said there was nothing in his file to reflect any information bearing on loyalty or lack thereof.

Mr. PETER STEWART, Parole Officer, said he knew SAMPLE as an inmate at Alcoa Farms and at the penitentiary. He said that SAMPLE caused trouble for the superintendent of the Alcoa institution and he was transferred. He said that SAMPLE was a leader among the inmates, and wrote a lot of articles in the nature of stories. He said he read several of these and they were in the nature of adventure stories and were not Communist in nature or political in any sense. He said he had no reason to believe that SAMPLE was a Communist and had no reason to question his loyalty, but said SAMPLE was "strictly no good" from the standpoint of personal ethics.

Mr. WALTER GURWELL, Captain, Alcoa Farms, said that he knew SAMPLE. He said he liked SAMPLE and said he had no reason to question his loyalty, and knew of no disloyal statements, activity or actions on his part while an inmate.

The reporting agent had occasion to interview SAMPLE on August 28, 1947 in connection with the crime for which he was sentenced. SAMPLE was a night clerk in the Tiger Hotel at Columbia, Missouri. A guest of the hotel lost over \$100,000.00 in jewelry from her room and it was found in the possession of SAMPLE who admitted taking it from her room. SAMPLE was also suspected of having burglarized a safe at the Woolf Clothing Store in Columbia, Missouri about the same time. He denied the act and the only evidence against him was that his books were found on top of the safe the day after the burglary. Charges in this matter, local in nature, were not pressed. There is nothing in the files of the Columbia Police Department records, which were examined to indicate that he was connected with an assault. At the time of the larceny of the jewelry, which was substantially recovered, SAMPLE was a student in the University of Missouri taking a pre-journalism course.

The following is a description of SAMPLE as obtained from files at the Alcoa Intermediate Reformatory:

NAME	CHARLES RAYMOND SAMPLE
AGE	Born 9/29/24 (Probably Pittsburg, Kansas)
HEIGHT	6' 1"
WEIGHT	159
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Brown
COMPLEXION	Light

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